



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005 AT 2:00 PM

Chairman

Joe. A. Martinez

Vice Chairman

Dennis C. Moss

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Ruben D. Almaguer
Bruno A. Barreiro
Barbara M. Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Shirley M. Gibson
Carlos A. Gimenez
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Raul L. Martinez
Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas
Darryl K. Sharpton
Jose Smith
Katy Sorenson
Rebeca Sosa
Javier D. Souto
Johnny L. Winton

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(FDOT District VI)
John Martinez, P.E.
Gary L. Donn, P.E.

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- May 19, 2005

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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairman Joe A. Martinez called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The following members were present at the meeting:

Ruben D. Almaguer	Raul L. Martinez
Kevin A. Burns	Dorin D. Rolle
Barbara M. Carey-Shuler	Jose Smith
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Javier D. Souto
Shirley M. Gibson	Johnny L. Winton
Perla T. Hantman	Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Pedro G. Hernandez, P.E., Deputy County Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert A. Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Martinez welcomed the new MPO Board member Mayor Kevin A. Burns as the City of North Miami representative to the MPO Governing Board.

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member Diaz seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Diaz moved for approval of the May 19, 2005 minutes. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

a. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, informed the Board of CTAC activities. He stated that CTAC passed resolutions endorsing the 2005 Transit

Development Program (TDP), FY 2006-2010 (TIP), and recognizing former CTAC member Martin Nash for his community service.

b. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report given on this item.

Board Member Gimenez appointed Danny Perez to TARC. (*Chairman Joe A. Martinez read into the record this appointment on behalf of Board Member Gimenez.*)

c. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Eric Tullberg provided the Board with an update on BPAC activities. He stated that BPAC received a presentation on the improvements scheduled for the Rickenbacker Causeway from the Public Works Department (PWD). He also stated that BPAC received a presentation from Miami-Dade Transit on the Bike and Ride Program. He concluded by informing the Board that BPAC passed a resolution recommending that FDOT implement safer bike accommodations leading to the Palmetto Metrorail Station.

Vice Chairman Moss stated that he would forward a resume from an individual interested in serving on BPAC. He then stated that staff could forward this resume to the MPO Board Members that have a vacancy on this committee.

Board Member Souto requested clarity on why the Park and Recreation Department was the leading agency for the Bike Path at the Ludlam Corridor.

Board Member R. Martinez stated that from his experience with the City of Hialeah, the original funding for this type of activity was listed under greenways and linear parks. He further stated that the intent of the program was to provide funding for recreational activities. He further concluded that given these definitions the County, like the City of Hialeah, had no other choice but to place this project under the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Hernandez stated that staff will follow-up on this issue.

d. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

No report given on this item.

Board Member Smith appointed Marrilla Marrero to FTAC.

Board Member Almaguer appointed Rafael Puga to FTAC.
Board Member Gimenez appointed Lee Karlinsky to FTAC. (*Chairman Joe A. Martinez read this appointment into the record on behalf of Board Member Gimenez*).

e. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects included in the MDX Status Report (*A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. FY 2006-2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2006-2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mesa provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation of the FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). (*A copy of this PowerPoint is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Carey-Shuler informed the Board that the proposed \$6.6 billion for the next five years for the TIP is contingent upon the various formulas listed in the TIP remaining the same. She further clarified by stating that any adjustments to the formulas would require the MPO to adjust the TIP.

Board Member Carey-Shuler informed staff that the I-95 Linear Park Project is listed incorrectly in the proposed document. She concluded by requesting that the proposed Program be amended to reflect the correct funding year of 2005-2006 for the I-95 Linear Park project. Mr. Donn responded that this item was listed in 2006-2007 because of concerns raised by the Florida Turnpike regarding the Project. He concluded by stating that those concerns had been resolved and funding for the project should be available in FY 2005-2006.

Board Member Carey-Shuler moved for approval of the resolution with the requested changes to the TIP. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The resolution as amended was passed unanimously.

2. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MAJOR UPDATE OF THE FIVE YEAR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Carey-Shuler seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: TECH CENTERS STUDY

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND CENTER FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH (CUTR) TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON IMPLEMENTING SATELLITE WORK (TECH) CENTERS IN MIAMI-DADE

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that the listed study amount and timeframe are incorrect on the attached contract. He further stated that the correct study amount should be \$30,000 with a nine-month timeframe.

Board Member Almaguer requested clarity on how universities are selected to conduct various MPO studies. Vice-Chairman Moss responded that for this particular study, CUTR was chosen because of their previous work experience in the area of TECH Centers. He concluded by stating that he is a strong supporter of providing opportunities to all local universities that would get them more involved in the transportation planning of Miami-Dade County. He further concluded by stating this is why he invited the FIU Lehman Center to make a presentation to the MPO Board.

Board Member Almaguer stated that he supports any process that utilizes the local universities for research purposes. He concluded by stating that he encourages qualified entities to bid to conduct MPO studies.

Chairman Martinez requested staff to follow-up with the FIU Lehman Center staff regarding information he requested at a previous MPO Board meeting.

2. VANPOOL PROGRAM CONTRACT EXTENSION

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND VPSI, INC., TO PROVIDE VEHICLES, MAINTENANCE AND

MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM

Board Member Carey-Shuler requested clarity on whether the Vanpool study will be presented to the MPO Governing Board once completed. Mr. Mesa responded that the recommendations from the study will be presented to the MPO Governing Board.

Board Member Moss stated that as a tri-county program, Miami-Dade's input should be included during this study.

Vice Chairman Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Carey-Shuler seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. MPO GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT (GPC) WORK ORDER

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE NW/SW 137TH AVENUE STUDY FROM SR 836 TO US-1

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Vice Chairman Moss seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

a. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by Board Member Javier D. Souto: Rail Convertibility Study

Mr. Larry Strange, Corrandino Group, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Rail Convertibility Study. *(A copy of this PowerPoint is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Souto stated that the MPO should actively look at ways to proceed with the study's recommendations. He concluded by stating that these recommendations provide alternatives on how to move people in Miami-Dade County.

Chairman Martinez stated that he previously presented to the MPO Board a similar presentation. He concluded by stating that although the MPO Board failed to make a decision on the item he would make the necessary arrangements to provide this presentation again to the MPO Board and encourage every member to attend. He further concluded by stating that action would be required from the Board.

Board Member Almaguer stated that he would like for the MPO Subcommittee to be provided with an opportunity to prioritize

recommendations from the Rail Convertibility Study that could be accomplished in a short timeframe.

2. Request By Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez: Interlocal Agreement between Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties creating the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC)

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that this item was placed on the agenda for information only. He concluded by stating that at the request of MPO Board Member Gimenez this item will be before the MPO Board for approval on the August agenda.

b. MANAGER

1. Trends in Heavy Truck Traffic Management: Summary Report

Mr. Michael Williamson, Cambridge Systematics, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Trends in Heavy Truck Traffic Management. *(A copy of this PowerPoint is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Souto expressed concern with correspondence from the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority responding to his inquiries on providing restrictions to heavy truck traffic on SR 836. *(A copy of this correspondence was distributed at the meeting and is available at the MPO Secretariat).* He concluded by requesting a report on the number of accidents on SR 836 that involved heavy trucks during the last five years. He further requested that the report include the number of deaths and injuries that resulted from these accidents. Board Member Souto then requested that the impacts from these accidents as it relates to traffic delays and productivity be included in the report.

2. Earlington Heights-Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Metrorail Extension Project

Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director of Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) introduced consultant Mr. Bill Anido of Parsons Brinkerhoff Quade and Douglas who provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Earlington Heights-Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Metrorail Extension Project.

Vice Chairman Moss suggested that the designs for the Metrorail Extension consider using the art deco lighting similar to those on a portion of the Metrorail line in Downtown Miami. Mr. Bradley responded that the agency is looking to implementing similar art deco lights to the Metrorail crossing over SR 112 as well as the MIC Extension project.

Board Member Smith requested clarity on how commuters traveling from Miami Beach in route to Miami International Airport (MIA) utilize the present and future transportation systems including the MIC. Mr. Bradley responded that currently MDT has buses with luggage racks that transport people from Miami Beach directly to MIA. He further stated that after the MIC is completed, the bus passengers will be dropped off at the MIC and from there they would take the people mover directly into the main area of MIA.

c. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Donn provided the MPO Board with a brief update on the I-95 HOV Modifications. He informed the Board that FDOT District 4 at the request of Senator Klein will postpone the HOV modifications until public hearings could be held in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. He further stated Senator Klein did not express concern with Miami-Dade proceeding with its modifications. He concluded by stating that FDOT District 6 would proceed with its scheduled I-95 HOV modifications.

d. MPO SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Secretariat 2006 Budget: Updated Information

Chairman Martinez requested clarity on the job description for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator.

2. MPO Subcommittee Upcoming Activities

Board Member Almaguer stated he would like to recommend that the MPO Subcommittee rotate its meetings to different locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Chairman Martinez stated that he did not have a problem with this suggestion as long as the other committee members and staff were supportive.

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.